

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments detailed herein be made prior to examination of the subject application.

Applicant notes that this is a national phase completion of PCT/DE2005/000525. In this underlying PCT application, Applicant made various amendments to the specification. These amendments were published in form PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Report On Patentability) as amended pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, the amendments herein to the specification have been entered in the international stage and to place the application in conformance with U.S. practice. The location of the amendments to the specification are made by reference to the English language translation of the originally filed PCT application, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims were also published in form PCT/IPEA/409. These amendments were also entered in the international stage. Specifically, in the international stage, independent claim 1 was amended, in part, to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 12 and 16, which were accordingly cancelled. The remaining depending claims 13-26 were renumbered as dependent claims 12-24. In this national stage completion, Applicant has amended the claims to read consistent with the amendments made during the international stage. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 12 and 16, which have accordingly been cancelled. As of this amendment, independent claim 1 and claims 2-11, 13-15, and 17-26 are pending. Support for the amendments herein may be found in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. Additionally, the claims have been amended throughout to remove multiple dependencies.

For the convenience of the Examiner, English language translations of the amended pages of the specification and English translations of the claims, as amended during the international stage, are enclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 1893.01(d), Applicant has, therefore, entered all international stage amendments herein, and no new matter has been entered.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

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